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Environmental Quality Incentives Program
Contract Number: 7463222X001
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Dear DAVID L DORIGHT

Your contract has been identified as one that may be eligible for a 2006 Energy Initiative under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The cost of implementing some EQIP practices has dramatically increased over the last two years as a result of spikes in energy costs. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has identified a list of structural practices that have been impacted the most nationwide, and your contract includes one or more of those practices.

To provide some economic relief to participants, NRCS is offering a one time opportunity to increase the amounts to be paid for identified practices by 15 percent in contracts signed in 2004 and earlier. A 15 percent addition will be made to the final payment amount for eligible practices. This is not to be confused with a 15 percent increase in the cost share rate. This opportunity will be available from March 1 to June 30, 2006. You must certify practices as complete to NRCS standards and specifications during this time period and provide all required documentation (appropriate bills and receipts) to the field office. You will need to provide your documentation in our office no later than close of business June 30, 2006 to be eligible for the increased payment.

Participants that are interested in participating in this Energy Initiative should contact your local office at 763-241-1170 at your earliest convenience. Your contact is needed in order to determine which practices are eligible for the payment increase and to schedule the required technical assistance to provide practice designs and specifications. All necessary permits and approved designs must be obtained before work can start on practice installation. Waivers will not be authorized if permits or designs can not be obtained in the time needed to allow certification of practice completion within required dates.

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